

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, June 3, 2021
City of Cape Coral Public Works Building
815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990
3:00 p.m.



Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Chair Rick Anglickis. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

The roll was recorded by MPO staff. There was a quorum. Members in attendance included Carie Call, Karen Miller, Bev Larson, Albert O'Donnell (conference call), Marion Briggs, Rick Anglickis, Justin Thibaut, Ed Blot, Steve Henry, and Jessica Russo. Others in attendance included Victoria Peters with FDOT; Arlinda Karuli with Commute with Enterprise; Allison Evanitz with Commute Connector; and Lee County MPO staff Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco.

Chair Anglickis mentioned there was a new member present, Ms. Jessica Russo. Ms. Russo then provided a brief introduction.

Agenda Item #1 - Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

There were no public comments on items on the agenda.

Agenda Item #2 – LeeTran Report

Mr. Don Scott provided the LeeTran Report presentation that was given by Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran at the earlier TAC meeting. The presentation included slides with information on ridership comparisons between years, Rosa Parks site plan, Rosa Parks aerial view, Rosa Parks architectural rendering, South Park and Ride site plan, South Park and Ride aerial view, South Park and Ride architectural rendering, Lehigh Park and Ride site plan, and Lehigh Park and Ride aerial view. Mr. Scott asked if there were any questions. There were none. Chair Anglickis commented that the Able Canal trail is near the Lehigh Park and Ride facility. The entire LeeTran presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-2-LeeTran-TAC-Ridership-Project-Update.pdf>

Agenda Item #3 – FDOT Report

Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT provided the FDOT report. She mentioned the upcoming I-75 virtual public meeting being held on June 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. She said this will include a live question and answer section. She also noted she would be staying with FDOT. The committee discussed recording the number of people attending the virtual meeting, NEPA requirements, presenting the master plan for I-75, completing the study, and the process involved.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the May 6, 2021 CAC Meeting Summary

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the May 6, 2021 Meeting Summary with the addition of her name to the roll call section. Mr. Steve Henry seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Endorsement of the FY 2021/2022 through FY 2025/2026 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and endorsement of the FY 2021/2022 through FY 2025/2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to be forwarded to the MPO Board for their approval on June 18, 2021. A link to the TIP was provided in the agenda packets, posted to the MPO website, and is also included below. Mr. Scott provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on overview of the Draft TIP and performance measures, the Five Year Fiscal Constraint Summary, Lee MPO Operational Funding, and the SR 31 project. His entire presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-5-FY-22-26-TIP.pdf> Mr. Scott asked if there were any questions or comments. The committee briefly discussed the funding amount for the SR 31 project. Mr. Gogoi then provided a short Power Point presentation on the Richmond Bridge project that included slides with information on the map of the location and SRTS TIP sidewalk funding page. Mr. Gogoi's presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Richmond-Bridge.pdf> The committee then discussed the Richmond Bridge project, Lee County commitment to funding, when bridge was damaged, issue for children in the area since bridge is gone, history of bridge, and county maintenance of bridge once constructed. Chair Anglickis asked if there was a motion.

Ms. Marion Briggs made the motion to approve the FY 2021/2022 through FY 2025/2026 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Ed Blot seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Link to the TIP: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/T05a.Lee-MPO-Draft-TIP-for-FY-21-22-through-FY-25-26.pdf>

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Recommend MPO Priorities for Multi-modal Projects

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the recommended Multimodal Box Fund Priorities that were attached to the agenda packet and posted to the MPO website. Mr. Gogoi briefly explained the funding category and then provided a presentation that included a review of the multimodal box fund projects tables and the Federal and State Funded Priorities Funding table. Mr. Gogoi's presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Items-6-and-7-Priorities.pdf> Chair Anglickis asked if there was a motion.

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the MPO Priorities for Multimodal projects. Ms. Carie Call seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Review and Recommend MPO Priorities for Highway Safety Program Funds

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item to review and approve the list of staff recommended priorities for Highway Safety Program funds that were included in the agenda packet and posted to the MPO website. He provided a brief presentation that continued the Power Point slides from the previous agenda item and included information on the Highway Safety Program and review of the project table. His presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Items-6-and-7-Priorities.pdf> Mr. Gogoi asked if there was a motion or if there were any questions.

Mr. Justin Thibaut made the motion to approve the MPO Priorities for Highway Safety Program Funds. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 - Commute With Enterprise Presentation

Ms. Allison Evanitz with FDOT's Commute Connect introduced Ms. Arlinda Karuli with Commute with Enterprise to present this agenda item. Ms. Karuli then provided a Power Point presentation with information on vanpooling introduction, benefits of program, subsidy partnership with FDOT, cluster and route analysis, commute clean kit, and contact information. She asked if there were any questions. The Commute with Enterprise presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-9-Commute-with-Enterprise-BPCC.pdf> The committee discussed the current number of van pools, minimum number for van pool, cost per person, driving records and safety, cost for van pool vehicle, employers covering cost of van pool, emergency ride home program, additional funding for transit for reporting ridership in van pools, IRS reporting, additional benefits for Federal employees, and examples of VA hospitals in Tampa and Lee County. Chair Anglickis thanked Ms. Karuli for her presentation.

Agenda Item #8 - *Review and Approval of the Proposed LRTP Amendments

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of proposed amendments to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to add the construction of a sidewalk on the US 41 Caloosahatchee Bridge and to add transit technology capital purchases. Mr. Scott reviewed the proposed underline and strike through changes to the federal/state funding table, the TMA funding table, and the transit element improvements table that were also attached to the agenda packet and posted to the MPO website. The information can also be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/T08-5.pdf> The committee briefly discussed funding, reporting requirements, and ability to amend if additional funding is received. Chair Anglickis asked for a motion.

Ms. Carie Call made the motion to approve the Proposed LRTP Amendments. Ms. Marion Briggs seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #10 - Discussion and Input on the Pine Island Shared Use Path Feasibility Study

Mr. Scott introduced this agenda item and deferred to Ms. Call to provided additional information and committee discussion and input on the Pine Island Shared Use Path Feasibility Study. Ms. Call explained the history of the project and mentioned the current committee of six members. She asked for assistance on getting this information out to more people. Mr. Gogoi mentioned there would be two additional members joining the committee from Cape Coral as the project limits also cover a portion of Cape Coral. The committee discussed environmental and safety issues, upcoming meetings, parking spots not owned by business and actual right-of-way, longevity of project, FDOT addressing speeding concerns, enlisting help of law enforcement, coordination between entities, taking information to Cape Coral Council, PD&E, completing interim measures, ensuring connectivity isn't lost, addressing constraints with creative solutions, and completion of feasibility study. Ms. Call said she would put something together for the committee and talking points for Cape Council. The committee continued discussions on offsite parking, charging for parking, trolley from Publix to park, Uber, and recent example of traffic congestion in area.

Other Business

Agenda Item #11 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Mr. Ed Blot asked if there were any updates on I-75 at Colonial. Mr. Scott said the project was under construction. Mr. Gogoi added the completion date was set for 2024. Ms. Larson asked about the completion date for the US 41 project between Lee Memorial and Hanson. Mr. Scott replied the listed completion date in the latest RoadWatch Report is summer of 2022. Ms. Larson asked where she could find these updates. Ms. Barraco said she would forward the email to Ms. Larson.

Agenda Item #12 – Announcements

Mr. Scott announced there would be no July meeting, and the next meeting would be in August.

Agenda Item #13 - Topics for next meeting

There were no topics suggested for next meeting.

Agenda Item #14 - Information and Distribution Items

The Information and Distribution Items included the announcement for the upcoming I-75 virtual public meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

An audio recording of the entire meeting can be accessed here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/06-03-2021-cacwma>

*Action Items +May Require Action

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